HOME

Capital's Show Places at Once.

Family Brought Into Limelight Further Attempts at Evasion Enormous Losses Inflicted on More Than 125 Claims Already Recent Sensational Newspaper Stories.

Jean Harald St. Cyr. whose marriage to the widow of James Henry Smith, known to Wall Street as "Silent" Smith, last April, attracted wile attenion, has leased one of Washington's most palatial homes.

Recently Mr. St. Cyr has been in the spotlight because of sensational stories printed about his past history. Mr. St. Cyr, it is understood, will take for six weeks the Nathaniel H. Luttrell residence at 2101 Connecticut avenue. The St. Cyrs are to be given immedi-

ate occupancy of the house. The building is one of the show homes of Washington. It stands facing Connecticut avenue, at the junction of Columbia road. It is luxuri-

Arrangements for leasing the home were made so quietly that not a word of it leaked out until the papers were signed, and sent today to a local real estate broker, to be turned over to

Mr. Luttrell. It is understood that the St. Cyrs intend to entertain on a lavish scale, The home they have leased is well adapted for the most elaborate social functions. It ranks as a show place with the Larz Anderson, the Edson Bradley, and the Mrs. Richard Townsend homes. Last season it was leas-

send homes. Last season it was leased by Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh.

Mrs. Saint Cyr was Mrs. James Henry
Smith, of London, heiress to 200,000,000
upon the death of "Silent" Smith, and is
nother of the Duchess Visue. The
husband of the Duchess Visue was the
Prince Miguel de Braganza, pretender
to the throne of Portugal. to the throne of Portugal.

Mrs. Saint Cyr is an elder sister of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel. Her maiden name was Annie Armstrong, and she was a daugnter of Gen. John A. Armstrong, of Baltimore. In 1879 she was married to William Rhinelander Stewart, Jr., and it was their daughter. Miss Anita Stewart, who became the wife of Prince Miguel de Braganza.

Mrs. Saint Cyr was urged to finance a movement to overthrow the present government and establish her son-in-

government and establish her son-in-law as the monarch of Portugal, but she turned a deaf ear to these proposals.

Acquired Vast Fortune. While Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were still living in New York, James Henry Smith, who had been an obscure broker, came into prominence. He acquired a vast fortune in 1890 as principal heir of his uncle, George Smith, a Western

Then it was that Smith bought a home at Tuxedo and began to entertain ome of New York's wealthlest families Among those frequently at his home were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

In 1906 Mrs. Stewart, accompanied by In 1906 Mrs. Stewart, accompanied by her daughter, went to South Dakota to obtain a divorce. The decree was filed in August, 1906, and one month later and banns for the marriage of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Stewart were read in the Parish Church of Alvie, Invernesse, Scotland.

The marriage took place at Newtonmore, in Scotland, home of Anthony J. Drexel.

Drexel.

Soon after the marriage Mr. and Mrs.
Smith began a tour of the world. They
were aboard Anthony J. Drexel's yacht,

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'Crones' Postcard Threatens Bishop

Mailed From Portland, Ors.-Believed To Be Genuine by Chicago Police Chief.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.-A postcard bearing an apparently authentic signature of Jean Crones, avowed principal in the of Jean Crones, avowed principal in the
anarchist soup plot, received by Police
Chief Healey today, threatened death
to "some bishop" at Portland, Ore.
The postmark was Portland, Februlary 18.
Healey, though not convinced the
card was sent by Crones, says the signature was apparently genuine. The
postcard reads:
"Portland, Feb. 19, 1916.

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"Chief Polis, Chicago:
"I see you are still after me. Why don't you kom after me. Maybe I can give you some soup. Look out for some tink to hapen heer soon. I wish I had got the old bishop and Judge in the soup, but maybe I get him yet.

"I will get some Bishop heer I guess. You took. My true print. I always go bomb me. Whoevere arrest me will blow up with me."

The fact that Crones dated the card February 18, though Portland, Ore., postmark was 18, was deemed by the police evidence that Crones was dating his taunting messages ahead of thei date of mailing in effort to deceive th

"It may be the work of a joker," Chief Healey said. "But you never can tell."

Senate in Maryland Passes Suffrage Bill

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 23.—By a vote of 17 to 10 the senate passed a bill submitting the question of equal suffrage to the voters.

The measure will come up today in the house, and if passed must go to the governor for approval before it reaches the electorate.

Couple Will Move Into One of Officials Believe Showdown Violent Attacks Hurled by Engineer of Local Train Alleged With Germany May Come in Day or Two.

Expected to Bring Sharp Note to Berlin.

A showdown between the United States and Germany on the question of submarine warfare may develop within the next day or two.

Everything depends on the kind of instructions which Count von Bernstorff

receives from Berlin. If, as is expected, he will be told by his government to seek to temporise with the United States and endeavor to obtain acquiescence in Germany's new policy of sea terrorism, there is strong likelihood that the next communication from the United States to Berlin will be

the sharpest and most abrupt ever sent Through With Parleying. President Wilson is described by of-ficials as being done with parleying. For nine months, his friends point out the President has displayed remarkable patience while the German government ously furnished, and its site makes it especially imposing.

Arrangements Made Quietly.

Arrangements for leasing the home

Already, owing to the vigorous stand which the President has taken, there has been a sudden collapse of the agitation among Democrats in Congress in favor of logislation prohibiting Americans from traveling on armed merchant

vessels.

Uppermost among the demands made by the United States was the atipulation that Germany should give absolute assurances that in the future her submarines would live up to the rule of international law requiring warships to warn, visit and search enemy merchant craft they attack, and to care for the safety of noncombatants on board if circumstances require them to sink such merchant craft.

President Wilson has told Senator Stone, Senator Kern, Chairman Flood and other Democratic leaders in effect that this is no time to "rock the boat" in Congress. He has advised strongly that it will be

He has advised strongly that it will be much better for Congress to leave the international situation to the executive end of the Government.

Furthermore, he has given the leaders to understand that it would be greatly to his advantage to have speech-making relative to the foreign situation choked off as far as possible.

Even replies to the Root speech, it is declared in responsible quarters, are regarded as of doubtful value and of dubious expediency.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who said yesterday that he would make his speech in reply to Root as contemplated, has determined, it is learned, to defer making his speech to a more propitious time. Senator Stone's decision is taken as highly significant.

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The word went along the line today that the President felt this was no time for Congress to be adding verbal fuel to the flames of the international dis-

pute.

Coupled with the disclosure that the President is opposed to having a resolution adopted warning Americans to keep off armed ships, this has tended to enhance the feeling that the German controversy is becoming critical.

Under the surface in Congress, both in Senate and House, there is a ferment of discussion over the submarine developments.

Many members are known to be apprehensive.

Shields Power Bill Attacked in Senate

Norris Asserts Measure Gives Millions Away Forever Without Compensation.

The Shields water power bill grants forever rights worth millions of dollars without one cent of compensation to the Government, Senator Norris of Nebraska charged in an attack on the bill in the Senate this afternoon.

"Apparently this bill leases power sites for a fifty-year period," he said, "but really the cause by which the Govour really the cause by which the Government hopes to regain the sites is not of the slightest value. So many conditions and restrictions are placed on the recapture of the sites that people and officials would tire of the effort. "It is specifically provided, too, that the Government must pay for a great number of intangible values, including good will and prospective profits when it seeks to take back these sites. These values are created solely by the people

SAINT CYRS TO TAKE WILSON THROUGH VERDUN GOAL OF FOUR INQUIRIES ON LEASE ON HOME IN WITH PARLEYING GERMAN OFFENSE TO FIX BLAME FOR CONNECTICUT AVE. OVER SUBMARINES ON 15 MILE FRONT NEW HAVEN WRECK

> Prince Toward Strong French Fortress.

Germans Advancing Western Front.

BERLIN. Feb. 23 .- German troops have captured more than six miles of French trenches north of Verdun, according to an official statement from the war office this afternoon.

Three thousand French prisoners and great quantities of booty were taken. The German gain was in the

neighborhood of Consenvoic and Azannes. PARIS, Feb. 23 .- The Germans, under

the crown prince, have launched a neavy offensive around Verdun, from the right bank of the Meuse to the Serbe woods, the war office announced They are attacking with many in

fantry regiments on a fifteen-mile front. Entire German battalions have been annihilated in the firece struggle, acording to German prisoners. The French have evacuated Haumont

forest, but have reoccupied Caures wood, which was evacuated yesterday. Recapture Trenches. Violent fighting also continues in the Givenchy wood near Souchez, The French have recaptured several

of the trenches occupied by the Germans in their sudden offensive of Mon day night.
The violent onslaught of the crown

The violent onslaught of the crown prince's army was preceded by a rolling fire of artillery that began on Sunday morning and continued through monday and monday night.

The Franch replied vigorously to this bombardment and brought up reserves to meet the expected attack.

Turks Preparing for **Evacuation of Trebizond**

PETROGRAD, Feb. 23.-Russian vanguards are within a few miles of Rizch, thirty-five miles east of Trebiand the capture of Trebizon

sond and the capture of Trebizond itself is now but a few days distant, according to Tiflis dispatches today. Armenian refugees, fleeing from the Christian quarter of Trebizond, outside the walls, have arrived within the Russian lines.

They report that the Turks have been emptying the city of all its valuable stores since the fall of Erzerum, evidently planning no serious resistance. "We are continuing the pursuit of the remnants of the Turkish army," said an official statement from the war office today.

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Announcement of ticsh successes in the Caucasus, which brought enthusiastic demonstrations at the opening of the Duma, was followed by the official statement today that the Slavs have won skirmishes with the Austro-Germans mans on nearly every sector of front from the Baltic to Roumania.

Bulgars Resent German Attitude APPROVES OF BONDS

Ill Feeling Grows, Says Correspondent-Would Welcome

Russians.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Saloniki dispatches to the London papers today bring reports of chaotic conditions in Bulgaria. arising out of the alleged ill feeling of the Bulgarian people toward the Ger

One correspondent cables a report that a free-for-all fight between Ger-

that a free-for-all fight between Ger-man and Bulgarians occurred at a vil-large near Philippopolis because a Ger-man mistreated a peasant girl. Several deaths resulted.

"The Bulgarians freely admit that they would submit joyously to a Rus-sian invasion." said another Saloniki dispatch. "Their country has been drained of cattle and grain in exchange for German paper. The people generally are most pessimistic over the outcome of the war."

Allies Conquer 730,000 Square Miles in Africa

LONDON, Feb. 23 .- The allies have conquered 730,000 square miles of German territory in Africa since the out-preak of the war, it was announced in Commons this afternoon.

Found Dead by Grandson. Mrs. Sarash A. Brady, sixty-two, was Good Hope road teday. Her grandson, Milton Magruder, discovered her when he went to call her. Death, it is be-lieved, was due to natural causes,

to Have Passed Two Set Block Signals.

ENTERTAIN LAVISHLY DEPENDS ON GERMAN ENVOY FIERCE BATTLE CONTINUES VICTIMS MAY GET \$500,000

Presented and Scores More Are Expected.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 23 .- Four investigations of the cause of the rear end collision on the New Haven railroad near Milford, Conn., yesterday, are under way today.

Coroner Eli Mix, of New Haven county, is investigating the cause of the ten deaths. His inquiry, he announced, will require several days. The Connecticut public utilities commission, which has supervision over public service corporations throughout the State, has begun an inquiry. Charles C. Elwell, of the commission, visited the scene, questioned railroad employes, and conferred with Coroner Mix. A full sitting of the commission began today. The New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company is conducting an in-

vestigation. J. S Hawley, chief inspector of the Interstate Commerce Commission, arrived last night, and held an important conference. The meeting was attended by John Trumbull, chief engineer of the Connecticut public utilities commission; C. L. Bardo, general manager of the New Haven; J. A. Droege, genera superintendent of the western division and W. H. Foster, superintendent of the New York division.

McChord Arrives Today. conference was ordered by Inspector Hawley in order that he might have facts to report to Commissioner C. C. McChord, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is expected to-Attempt At Evasion.

The President and his advisers, it is declared, regard the new German submarine declaration as completely aullifying the assurances which Germany to insist on her right to sink armed enemy in merchantmen without warning, the Administration regards as a deliberate attempt to evade the law.

Lempt to evade the law.

Contrary to reports which have emanated from German sources that the American disarmament proposals to the allies gave Germany reason to be lieve that the new declaration would be acceptable, officials of the State Department declare that Count von Bernator from Remey perfectly well that such was not the case.

"Don't Rock the Boat,"

Wilson Advises Congress

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Wants Large Fleet

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clared by Congressman Stephens of California.

Helpiessness of the Pacific coast against attack because of inability to get a fleet through the Panama canal. now closed by slides, was declared be-fore the House Naval Affairs Committee oday by Congressman Stephens of Call-

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He said the Navy Department had discriminated against the Pacific coast, and has left it to be protected by one obsolete battleshin, a dozen crui4-rs of the third class, and a few submarines. "I favor another fleet large enough to dominate the Pacific ocean and superior to the facet of any possible opponent." said Admiral Badger. "We must have two fleets to adequately defend both ceasts." Congressman Britten asked. "Was the

Congressman Britten asked. "Was the general navy board advised a year ago of the strained relations with Japan, so that it could properly place the

Admiral Badger replied. "I do not know, as I was not a member of the general board at that time."

Badger said that to maintain another fleet in the Pacific, it would be necessary to have more facilities in the navy yard. The Mare Island yard, he said, does not have enough water at light tide to take care of the biggest ships.

FOR RAILROAD CO.

Commission Grants Right to the

The Public Utilities Commission today approved the application of the Wash-ington Interurban Railroad Company par value common stock and \$150,000 first mortgage 5 per cent thirty-year gold bonds.

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The road, which extends from Fifteenth and H streets northeast to Berwyn, was formerly owned by the Washington Interurban Railway Company. December 23 it was hought at public auction by Gustave Herre, of New York, for the nominal price of \$25,600.

It was purchased in the interest of certain boadholders of the Washington Interurban Railroad Company, which was organized for the purpose of acquiring title to and taking over far rights and franchise of the property. The issuance and sale of the accurates is authorized by the commission on condition that so much as is necessary shall be used for the payment of the purchase price of the property and that the remainder shall be apportioned amon the bondholders who participated in the purchase.

Buffalo University

SLATED FOR CONSULATE GENERAL IN MEXICO



JAMES LINN RODGERS.

NEW CHARGES MADE FAVORABLE REPORT BRANDEIS ASKED ON FLETCHER

'Double-Dealing" Alleged by 55 Action of Senate Foreign Rela-Boston Lawyers Before Investigating Committee.

Massing their final attack on Louis D. Brandels, fifty-five Boston lawyers, through their counsel, Austin G. Fox, today preferred three new charges of "double-dealing" against the Presi-dent's nominee for the Supreme Court ordered a favorable report on his liquor forces in Congress on various

charges are: 1. That in 1906 he acted for a protec-tive committee of stockholders against the officers of the Equitable Life Assurance Company and that within nine months he appeared for the company as opposed to George G. Peters, a stockholder.

Peters, a stockholder.

2. That he acted as attorney for a Mr. Stewart against the officers of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, alleging mismanagement, and that within a few months he deserted these clients and aided Gillette against them.

3. That he aided E. H. Harriman to gain control of the Ilinois Central from Stuyvesant Fish in a deal which caused Roosevelt to call Harriman an undesirable citizen. It was at this time Brandeis was alleged to have been attacking officers of the Boston and Maine railway for the same practices which the fifty-five lawyers allege he aided Harriman to perform with the Illinois Central.

Fox today alleged that Brandeis denied before a legislative committee in Massachusetts that he had ever acted directly or indirectly for Harriman but had said his partner had. Waddill Catchings, of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., will be produced, Fox said, to prove that Brandeis personally appeared.

NO AERO MINISTER, ENGLAND DECIDES

Only One Addition To Be Made to British Cabinet.

LONDON Feb. 23,-The English cabinet will not be further enlarged cabinet will not be further enlarged by the creation of a ministry of aviation, it was stated authoritatively to day, following announcement that Lord Robert Cecil will enter the cabinet as blockade minister.

Lord Derby, according to the News, will be named to head a joint naval and military air defense committee, with practically all the powers of a cabinet member, but will not be designated a minister.

Lord Cecil attended today's cabinet meetings in the capacity of blockade minister.

Threatening Weather Is Promised for Tomorrow

Threatening weather, probably with ain tonight and tomorrow, is in rain tonight and tomorrow, is in store for Washington, according to the Weather Bureau.

The storm today is centered over the Ohio valley and is moving eastward. The rainfall is expected to be light, however, and temperatures will continue above freezing tonight, it is stated. Somewhat colder weather tomorrow and Friday is expected.

Gerard's Collarbone Is Reset in Berlin Hospital

BUFFALO, Feb. 23.—Endowments amounting to nearly \$1,000,000 are announced at the Washington Day celebration of the University of Buffalo.

These include \$500,000 from Mrs. Seymour H. Knex and \$225,000 from Gen.

Edmund Hayes.

tions Committee Presages Early Confirmation.

confirm Henry P. Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico. This was made plain today when the ordered a favorable report on his liquor forces in Congress on various nomination. The vote was 12 to 2. Senators Borah and Smith of Michi

The Senate in the near future will

gan were the two in opposition. The report will be made to the Senate without delay by Senator Stone. The committee has deferred action because of the delay of the Adminis-tration in submitting the Fall reso-

lution report.

James Linn Rodgers, consul general at Havana, who has been transferred to Mexico as special agent of the State Department at the headquar-ters of General Carranza, will probably remain in Mexico as consul gen eral at Mexico City. The post is now

eral at Mexico City. The post is now vacant.

As soon as Mr. Fletcher is confirmed and qualified he will probably be sent to Mexico, and Secretary Lansing will then accept the credentials of Eliseo Arredondo as Mexican ambassador to the United States. Secretary Lansing intends as soon as possible to have a general reorganization of the consular service in Mexico, and the prediction is made in department circles that several of the consuls now there will either be moved to other posts or dismissed from the service, owing to charges which have been made against them.

President Serenaded by Philadelphia Boy Scouts

Herman Snyder, aged six years, was Boy Scouts who serenaded the President today.

Herman was dressed in a Boy Scout uniform, and carried a drum major's baton that looked as though he might have used it on occasion as a baseball

bat.
The Boy Scout Band claims it has won all prizes in a Boy Scout band contests. Grouped about the entrance to the Executive offices while the President was in his private room, the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner." "America." and "Old Nassau," the Princeton college song.

Justice Gould Issues Rule

approve the homestead application of Allen B, Henderson to Florida lands. In a rule issued today by Justice Gould. Henderson seeks a writ of mandamus against Secretary Lane on the ground that on January 29 last the petitioner's application for rights was rejected. The action of the Secretary, Henderson declares, was "with a view only to gratifying the lawless personal desire and enforcing the tyrannous personal will of the Secretary of the Interior."4.

The petitioner is represented by Patrick H. Loughran and Burgess W. Marshall.

Russia Asked If Francis Is Acceptable as Envoy

The Russian government, in keeping with diplomatic usage, has been approached regarding the acceptability of David R. Francis as United States ambassador.
Until an affirmative reply is received from Russic, no announcement of his appointment will be made.

Subcommittee by Vote of 3 to 2 Orders Adverse Report on His Nomination.

PRESAGES HIS DEFEAT

Committee Due to Act at Meeting Friday — Chairman's Friends Disappointed.

Gen. R. G. Smith, hairman of the Excise Board, probably is defeated for confirmation.

The subcommittee of the Senate District Committee in charge of the case today met for a few minutes and by 3 to 2 ordered an adverse report on the nomination.

The vote was as follows: Against 3mith-Senators Martin, Works and Jones.

For Smith-Senators Phelan and Saulsbury.

LITTLE FORMALITY. The action of the subcommittee was marked by little formality. When it met some of the members indicated they were ready to vote.

made by Senator Jones, and the motion prevailed. The action of the subcommittee is looked on as showing that Smith's nomination cannot get a favorable re-port from the full District Committee. With Senator Martin, leading Democrat, in opposition, the utmost strength Smith could muster would probably half the committee. This would be

The motion for an adverse report was

Friends of General Smith are mu disappointed over the outcome.

Influence of Virginia. The fact that Virginia has gone dry is looked on as an important factor in the situation, since it has led Sen-

The case of General Smith, who i a New Jersey man, has attracted

much notice. His opponents have charged that because the Excise Board, as alleged, has not lived up to the law, he did not deserve reappointment. The sub-committee, of which Senator Phelan is chairman, recently held hearings and took much testimony in the case.

The District Committee is expected to take up the case at its regular meeting on Friday.

ORPET READY FOR LONG STAY IN JAIL

Accused Student Moves Belongings Into Cell.

WAUKEGAN, III, Feb. 24.-Only a few pennants are lacking in wall decorations today to make William H. Orpet's cell at the Lake county jail appear like the room of a college student.

The Wisconsin University junior, charged with the murder of Marian charged with the murder of Marian Lambert, prepared for a long stay in jail by moving many of his personal belongings to the big cell he shares with three other prisoners. Young Orpet appears carefully groomed each day, to the surprise and amusement of his cellmates. Orpet's counsel have definitely decided to reserve all their strength for the trial and, beyond a plea of not guilty, will waive examination at the magistrate's hearing next Monday.

District Sued for \$10,000 Damages by C. F. West

Holding the District of Columbia responsible for the depression in Bladensburg road, near Fifteenth and H streets northeast, into which he stepped, Christopher F. West today instituted

Against Secretary Lane

Secretary of the Interior Lane is required to show cause in Circuit Court.

No. 1, March 8, why he should not approve the homestead application of Allen B, Henderson to Florida lands, in a rule issued today by Justice Gould.

Christopher F. West today instituted suit in the District Supreme Court to recover \$10,000 damages.

The petitioner alleges that on November 25, last, while alighting from a street car, he stepped into a noie in the street and dislocated his foot and ankle, and prevent him from following his occupation as a butcher. The petition was filed by Attorney Alvin L. Newmyer.

Woman Who Killed Rival Showered With Bouquets

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 23 .- Mrs. Lindorff Defoe, who shot and killed Mrs. Rose McMasters, was showered today by scores of bouquets, potted piants, and dainties from local people. Mrs. Pefoe expects to be cleared of the charge of murder on the ground of temporary insanity.
She claims that when she saw her husband with Mrs. McMasters she lost her reason.

55 in One Great Tomb. BERLIN. Feb. 23.-The bodies of

fifty-five victims of the snowslide in the Alps, near Hochkoenig, were buried in one great tomb at Bischofsoben, after being transported to the spot on sledges, according to Salzburg dispatches today.